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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

June 26, 2020

The Honorable Seema Verma  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Administrator Verma,

I write to you in support of the application submitted by the various entities in Llano County as they work to obtain a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) designation from CMS.

Since the 1950s, the Llano community's health care needs have been served through their rural community hospital and is now operated by Baylor, Scott and White. Unfortunately, today's Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement schedules have made it impossible for Baylor Scott & White to continue to operate the Llano Hospital beyond their commitment ending on December 31, 2020.

The closure of this hospital would create devastating economic consequences and adversely impact the health outcomes of the Llano community, particularly in the midst of a global pandemic. The loss of this facility would create greater burdens on residents by forcing them to travel more than thirty minutes to the next nearest medical facility jeopardizing our most vulnerable populations access and quality of care. In addition, closure of the hospital could further distress the economic growth of the community during this uncertain times.

By granting the Llano Hospital a CAH designation, you would be extending a lifeline to the Llano community. I urge you to give the application submitted by Llano County, The Llano County Hospital Authority, and Baylor Scott & White your highest consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Chase Sauvage ([chase.sauvage@mail.house.gov](mailto:chase.sauvage@mail.house.gov)) on my staff.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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